

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A commodity sales system that is connected with a user computer in a communicable manner and is used when a user purchases a commodity and trades in a used personal computer, said commodity sales system comprising:

at least one server computer, the at least one server computer including

a commodity price specification module that receives a purchase request of a selected commodity from the user computer and specifies a commodity price of the selected commodity;

a storage module that stores a component price table including both a maximum trade-in price and a minimum trade-in price corresponding to each component included in a used personal computer;

a maximum/minimum price determination module that, when a trade-in request of a used personal computer and component information regarding each of components included in the used personal computer are received from the user computer, reads out a maximum trade-in price and a minimum trade-in price corresponding to each of the components based on the received component information from the component price table, and determines a maximum price of the used personal computer as a sum of the maximum trade-in prices of the components and a minimum price of the used personal computer as a sum of the minimum trade-in prices of the components;

a tentative quote setting module that sets the minimum price determined by the maximum/minimum price determination module to a tentative quote of the used personal computer;

a deduction setting module that, when the tentative quote exceeds a first reference value, determines that an assessment of the used personal computer is required upon receipt of the used personal computer by the commodity sales system and sets the minimum price of the used personal computer to a deduction of the selected commodity, which is to be subtracted from a specified price of the commodity,

when the tentative quote is not greater than the first reference value but exceeds a second reference value which is smaller than the first reference value, determines that the assessment is not required and sets the tentative quote of the used computer to the deduction of the commodity, and

when the tentative quote is not greater than the second reference value, determines that the assessment is not required and sets a preset fixed price, which does not depend upon the tentative quote, to the deduction of the commodity; and

an amount payable notification module that subtracts the setting of the deduction from the specified price of the selected commodity to calculate a difference and notifies the user computer of the calculated difference as an amount payable,

wherein the amount payable notification module, when the tentative quote exceeds the first reference value, further notifies the user computer of the maximum price and the minimum price of the used personal computer, and notifies that, if a final trade-in price of the used personal computer determined after the assessment exceeds the minimum price, an amount of difference between the final trade-in price and the minimum price is to be refunded to the user; and

~~wherein the commodity price specification module, the storage module, the maximum/minimum price determination module, the tentative quote setting module, the deduction setting module, and the amount payable notification module are implemented as program instructions stored on a computer readable storage medium.~~

Claim 2 (Original): A commodity sales system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said deduction setting module sets the deduction to be not less than a preset support price.

Claims 3-6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (Original): A commodity sales system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said deduction setting module, in the case where said quote determination module determines trade-in quotes of multiple used articles, sets a total deduction of the selected commodity, which is to be subtracted from the specified commodity price of the selected commodity, according to a sum of the trade-in quotes of the multiple used articles or a sum of deductions set for the respective used articles.

Claims 8 and 9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): A commodity sales method that is carried out when a user purchases a selected commodity and trades in a used personal computer, said commodity sales method comprising the steps of:

- (a) causing a server computer to receive a purchase request of a selected commodity from the user computer and specify a commodity price of the selected commodity;
- (b) causing the server computer to receive a trade-in request of a used personal computer and component information regarding each component included in the used personal computer from the user computer, to refer to a component price table including both a maximum trade-in price and a minimum trade-in price corresponding to each component included in a used personal computer and read out a maximum trade-in price and a minimum trade-in price corresponding to each of the components based on the received component information from the component price table, and to determine a maximum price of the used personal computer as a sum of the maximum trade-in prices of the components and a minimum price of the used personal computer as a sum of the minimum trade-in prices of the components;
- (c) causing the server computer to set the minimum price determined in said step (b) to a tentative quote of the used personal computer;
- (d) causing the server computer to, when the tentative quote exceeds a first reference value, determine that an assessment of the used personal computer is required upon receipt of the used personal computer by the commodity sales system and set the minimum price of the used personal computer to a deduction of the selected commodity, which is to be subtracted from a specified price of the commodity,
 - when the tentative quote is not greater than the first reference value but exceeds a second reference value which is smaller than the first reference value, determine that the assessment is not required and set the tentative quote of the used computer to the deduction of the commodity, and
 - when the tentative quote is not greater than the second reference value, determine that the assessment is not required and set a preset fixed price, which does not depend upon the tentative quote, to the deduction of the commodity; and
- (e) causing the server computer to subtract the setting of the deduction from the specified price of the selected commodity to calculate a difference and notify the user computer of the calculated difference as an amount payable,

wherein said step (e), when the tentative quote exceeds the first reference value, causes the server computer to further notify the user computer of the maximum price and the minimum price of the used personal computer, and notify that, if a final trade-in price of the used personal computer determined after the assessment exceeds the minimum price, an amount of difference between the final trade-in price and the minimum price is to be refunded to the user.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): A commodity sales method in accordance with claim 10, wherein said step (d) sets the deduction to be not less than a preset support price.

Claims 12-15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): A commodity sales method in accordance with claim 10, wherein said step (d), in the case where said step (b) determines trade-in quotes of multiple used articles, sets a total deduction of the selected commodity, which is to be subtracted from the specified commodity price of the selected commodity, according to a sum of the trade-in quotes of the multiple used articles or a sum of deductions set for the respective used articles.

Claims 17-32 (Canceled).